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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

MEADE *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/306,749

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For: *NUCLEIC ACID
MEDIATED ELECTRON
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Group No. 1655

Examiner: S. Zitomer

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

BOX RCE
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Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated July 29, 2002. The response is timely filed with a Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time, a Request for Continued Examination and the necessary fees on or before the due date of October 29, 2002. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Order No. 468267-00042[A-58762-9//RMS/RMK/CYO]).

Please amend the above identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 23 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the following claims:

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